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1. On 7 February YEN Shang-min (嚴尚民), official of the Pearl River Military Sub-District; P'ENG YU (彭沃), Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30) garrison commander; and seven Soviets, including the Soviet Consul General at Canton, arrived at Hsiao-chiats'un (蕭家村). They were accompanied by a platoon of Communist troops. They visited Shunte (113-16, 22-50) to inspect the Chungshan-Canton highway, then left for T'angchiawan, Hsiangchou (113-32, 22-14), and Maliuchou (馬溜洲). On 8 February they boarded a gunboat and inspected the Santsao (113- , 22- ), Kaolan (高欄), Wanshan, and Tungao (113- , 22- ) Islands.
2. On 2 February the NING PO (凌波), a landing craft, arrived at Taput'ai (大浦台) from Nant'ou (南頭) with 100 Communist troops, 5 guns, 120 boxes of ammunition, and 2 Soviet advisers. The guns were unloaded and mounted on Taput'ai and on the Wanshan Islands.
3. The CHIANG NING (江寧), a former Nationalist ship which defected to the Communists, arrived in Whampoa from Woosung. She will join the coastal defense fleet. The gunboats CHIH FANG (解放) 1, CHIH FENG (前鋒), TAI T'UNG (大同), and CHIH CHIN (前進), are patrolling the Tungao-Wanshan-Lasemi area, and the K'AI LING (開明), HAI AN (海安), HUNG YUAN (宏遠), and two motor junks the Wantzu area.
4. On 10 February CH'EN Hsiang (陳詳), chief of staff of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, called a meeting of regimental staff officers. Over ten officers attended the meeting, in which the following were discussed:
  - a. Recruiting of officers for training.
  - b. Establishing time limits for military reports.
  - c. Studying conditions of fortifications equipment.
  - d. Controlling communications of the various units.

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e. Training of units.

f. Making officers responsible for production activities.

5. The 5 Regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, now renamed the 17 Independent Regiment of the Kwangtung Military District, has sent 300 men from the 3 Battalion and the Machine-gun and Mortar Company from Shawei (沙 崖) to Wantzu. The 15 Independent Regiment, formerly the 2 Regiment, is in Chienshan.
6. The Communists have begun a census in Wantzu. All rice rations have been registered and persons have been ordered to give a detailed report of their relatives working in Macao. The census have been completed in Chiangchun (樟 軍) and Nanping (南 屏). The unemployed and non-natives of these villages were sent back to their native homes.

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